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In re Application of: HASSELBRINK, et al.)
Serial Number: 09/669,862) Examiner: not assigned
Filed: 09/26/00) Art Unit: 1744
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
CONTROLLING CROSS CONTAMINATION)
OF MICROFLUID CHANNELS)
Attorney Docket Number: SD-8289)

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

The Applicants wish to inquire as to the status of the above-identified Application for Patent and when he might expect an Official Action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

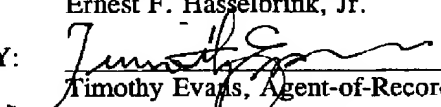
An Application for Patent was filed on September 26, 2000. A filing receipt was subsequently received identifying this matter as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/669,862 and preliminarily assigned to Group Art Unit 1744. However, no further communication has been received from the Patent Office regarding this application.

We have recently checked the Official Gazette and find that the Examining Corps is presently taking up applications filed on or before July 8, 2002. Because the present application was filed more than 6 months PRIOR to this date, we wish to inquire as to the STATUS of this application and to know when we might expect a first Official Action on the Merits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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